(c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to take necessary action in this regard. Ministry of Railways have arranged free transportation of water to the drought affected areas.

(d) No, Sir.

Incentives to food processing industries

†478. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given a number of incentives to food processing industries in order to promote export during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total value of export made from the country during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(d) the amount of investment made during the said period year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government provide assistance under the Plan schemes for development of food processing sector which also include units engaged in export production. The assistance provided in this regard include the following:-

(i) Provision of grant/loan for establishment of post harvest infrastructure and cold chain facilities for food processing assistance for undertaking Research and Development, human resource development, for development and modernization of meat processing, strengthening of traditional fish processing technologies and marketing.

(ii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and

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strengthening of quality control including adoption of quality systems such as ISO 9000/HACCP at export units.

(iii) Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

(iv) Setting up of integrated cargo handling and storage facilities at various International Airports.

(c) The value of export of processed food items comprising of processed fruits and vegetables and other processed food items such as jiggery and confectioneries, cocoa products, cereal preparations, alcoholic beverages, milled products, guar gum, groundnuts during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 are as follows:—

Year	Value (Rs. Crores)
1997-98	2256.37
1998-99	1824.21

(d) The inflow of foreign direct investments and domestic investments approved during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 in the food processing industries has been as follows:—

Year	Amount of Inflow of Foreign Direct Invest	Domestic Investments
1997-98	342.09	1988
1998-99	94.75	2038